

**Fairfax County Park Authority
Board Meeting
February 8, 2006**

The Chairman convened the meeting at 9:35 p.m. at Park Authority Headquarters, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22035.

Board Members

Harold L. Strickland, Chairman
Joanne E. Malone, Vice Chairman
Frank S. Vajda, Secretary-Treasurer
Edward R. Batten, Sr.
William G. Bouie
Kevin J. Fay
Kenneth G. Feng
Harry Glasgow
Georgette Kohler
George E. Lovelace
Gilbert S. McCutcheon
Winifred S. Shapiro

Guest Dennis Bates, County Attorney's
Office

Staff

Michael A. Kane, Director
Timothy K. White, Deputy Director
Nancy L. Brumit, Administrative Assistant

Charlie Bittenbring
Bob Brennan
Elisa Lueck
Cindy Messinger
Miriam Morrison
Judy Pedersen
Lynn Tadlock

Seema Ajrawat
Ray Alexander
Kirk Holley
John Lehman
Barbara Nugent

AGENDA CHANGES

Mr. Strickland asked if there were any changes to the Agenda. Mr. Kane requested that Closed Session-1 Legal Matters and Closed Session-2 Land Acquisition Matters be considered at the start of the Park Authority Board meeting. **There were no objections from the Park Authority Board.**

Mrs. Shapiro requested that the February 8, 2006 Park Authority Board meeting begin with the Closed Session items scheduled originally on the February 8, 2006 Planning and Development Committee Agenda (Legal and Land Acquisition Matters). Mrs. Shapiro requested that Item 12 Quarterly Status Report - Presentation from the Planning and Development Committee Agenda be moved to the Park Authority Board Agenda as I-2. Quarterly Status Report. **There were no objections from the Park Authority Board.**

CLOSED SESSION #1

Legal Matters were discussed.

At 8:48 p.m. Mr. Feng **MOVED** the Park Authority Board return to the Open Session; **SECONDED** by Mr. Strickland, and **APPROVED** with all Board Members being present.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION #1

Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board certify that, to the best of our knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under Virginia Code 2.2-3712 and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by the Board; **SECONDED** by Mr. McCutcheon, and **APPROVED** with all Board Members being present.

ACTIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION #1

NOTE: For consistency in reporting and future research, the Administrative Assistant keeps all items in numerical order as discussed during Closed Session.

C-1. Legal Matter in the Dranesville District

Mr. McCutcheon **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve a settlement offer for the project in the Dranesville District as discussed in Closed Session; **SECONDED** by Mr. Vajda and **APPROVED** with Ms. Malone, Messrs. Feng and Batten voting **NAY**.

C-2. Potential Lawsuit – Athletic Field Lighting (Countywide)

Mrs. Shapiro **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve a motion that the Park Authority suspends all further procurement of athletic field lighting systems by any third parties including youth groups until generic specifications are completed. Further, Mr. Feng requested that the record show that the board expects the specifications to be completed in one month; **SECONDED** by Mr. Vajda and **APPROVED** with

Messrs. Strickland, Feng, Fay, Batten and Bouie voting **NAY**.

Mr. Fay reminded Board Members to consider that when the Athletic Field Lighting Study was authorized that it was not to impact any current lighting procurement projects.

CLOSED SESSION #2

Land Acquisition Matters were discussed.

At 9:25 p.m. Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board return to the Open Session; **SECONDED** by Mr. McCutcheon, and **APPROVED** with all Board Members being present.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION #2

Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board certify that, to the best of our knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under Virginia Code 2.2-3712 and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by the Board; **SECONDED** by Mr. McCutcheon, and **APPROVED** with all Board Members being present.

ACTIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION #2

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- C-3** **FY 2005 – 2006 Land Acquisition Work Plan (Countywide)**
Mrs. Shapiro **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve staff's recommendation to add/replace property in the Sully District on the FY2005 – 2006 Land Acquisition Work Plan as discussed in Closed Session; **SECONDED** by Mr. Bouie, and **APPROVED** with all Board Members being present.
- C-4** **Update on Land Acquisition in the Mason District**
Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board accept staff's recommendation to amend the acquisition of property in the Mason District with the caveats as discussed in Closed Session; **SECONDED** by Ms. Malone and **APPROVED** with all Board Members being present.
- C-5** **Update on Land Acquisition in the Dranesville District**

There was no action on this item.

C-6 FY 2005 – 2006 Land Acquisition Work Plan / 2005 Fourth Quarter Status Report

There was no action on this item.

At 9:35 p.m. Mr. Strickland continued with the February 8, 2006 Park Authority Board Agenda.

PRESENTATION

P-1 Annual Recreation Trends

This item was deferred.

ACTION ITEMS

A-1 Scope Approval - Patriot Park Phase I Development

This item was reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on February 8, 2006 and was approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

Mr. Feng **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve the project scope for Phase I development of Patriot Park to include a lighted artificial turf field with amenities, and all related support facilities; **SECONDED** by Mr. Batten, and **APPROVED** with Ms. Kohler being out-of-the-room.

There was no discussion on this item.

A-2 Approval of Policy 407, Construction of Donated Facilities/Structures on Park Land

Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve the proposed policy addition to the Fairfax County Park Authority Policy Manual regarding donated facilities/structures proposed for construction on Park Authority property; **SECONDED** by Ms. Malone, and **APPROVED** with Ms. Kohler being out-of-the-room. There was no discussion on this item.

A-3 Approval of Agreement with Fairfax County Water Authority to Use a Portion of the Griffith Water Treatment Plant Property for Park Purposes

This item was reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on February 8, 2006 and was approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

Mr. McCutcheon **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve the agreement with Fairfax County Water Authority to use a portion of the Griffith Water Treatment Plant property for park

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purposes; **SECONDED** by Mr. Vajda, and **APPROVED** with Mr. Fay **ABSTAINING** and Ms. Kohler being out-of-the-room. There was no discussion on this item.

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INFORMATION ITEMS**I-1 Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis as of June 30, 2005**

This item was reviewed by the Budget Committee on January 25, 2006 and was approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

The board reviewed the item regarding Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis as of June 30, 2005. No action was necessary. There was no discussion on this item.

I-2 Quarterly Status Report – Presentation

This item was reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on February 8, 2006 and was approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

At the request of Mrs. Shapiro, the board reviewed the item regarding Quarterly Status Report-Presentation directly from the February 8, 2006 Planning and Development Committee Agenda. No action was necessary. There was no discussion on this item.

CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS**• Managed Hunt at Sully Woodlands**

Mr. Strickland reported that 70 deer were harvested during the managed hunt at Sully Woodlands. It was determined that the deer were in good health, and it did appear that there was an overgrazing problem in the area.

• Prescribed Burn at Sully Woodlands

Mr. Strickland reported that the prescribed burn was held earlier in the day (Wednesday, February 8, 2006) in a meadow area off Pleasant Valley Road as part of an ongoing resource management program to preserve and enhance healthy meadow complexes on park land and are consistent with resource management recommendations for the park sites. Ms. Kohler shared photos of the burn with the board members.

Three county agencies participated in the prescribed field burn at Sully Woodlands: Park Authority, Fire and Rescue Department (Station 17, Clifton Station and the Fire Marshall's Office), and Fairfax County Police Department (Animal Control Division's Wildlife Biologist). Twenty acres of grassland were burned in approximately four hours, removing the duff layer and fuel from the site. There were no injuries to staff or loss of equipment. The weather was perfect. Staff controlled traffic on Pleasant Valley Road; there were no accidents or incidents associated with the burn and no complaints have been received.

- **Coyotes Sited Near Cub Run RECenter**

Mr. Strickland reported that the naturalist at Cub Run RECenter along with the county biologist confirmed that there are two groups of coyotes in the area and they seem to be doing well. They are trying to entice the coyotes to eat the eggs of the geese that are creating problems on the golf courses. Mr. Strickland stated that he was pleased that the Resource Management Division staff are looking after the agency's ownership.

- **Concorde District Swimming Championships Held at Cub Run RECenter Pool**

Mr. Strickland reported that he was pleased to report that the Concorde District swimming championships were held at Cub Run RECenter on Saturday, February 4, 2006. Six high schools participated. The Chantilly girls won their division title and the Robinson boys captured their first Concorde District title.

- **Site Tours**

Mr. Strickland stated that he had asked Mr. White to schedule visits to various park facilities for the Executive Committee on the first or third Wednesdays of each month. Mr. White stated that the tours would be conducted on the third Wednesday of the month and would take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mr. Strickland invited the board members to participate.

Mr. Strickland indicated that he hoped that these tours would help to put a face with a name and to become more familiar with the facilities.

- **Committee Assignments**

In keeping with the Park Authority By-laws, the Chairman of the Board is to assign members of the board to various committees. Mr. Strickland asked the board members to submit any committee requests to him before the February 22, 2006 board meeting.

DIRECTOR'S MATTERS

- **2005 Land Conservation Award**

Mr. Kane displayed the 2005 Land Conservation Award, which was presented to the Park Authority on January 20, 2006. Mr. Kane had previously reported on January 11, 2006 that the Park Authority was being recognized under special projects in the erosion and sediment control category for work at Lake Fairfax Park. Representing the Park Authority at the award ceremony were staff members John Lehman, Jim Duncan, Lynn Tadlock and Remi Chehade.

- **Showbiz**

Mr. Kane reported that "showbiz" has left its mark on Fairfax County Parks with three separate but notable events regarding filmmakers in our parks:

1. **The Battle of Chantilly (Ox Hill)**

The Independent Film "The Battle of Chantilly (Ox Hill)" filmed in part at Frying Pan Park and the Chantilly/Ox Hill Battlefield, will have its public premiere at the Cinema Arts Theatre, on Pickett Road and Main Street, in Fairfax, at 10 am, on March 4, 2006. Admission is \$5.

2. **Breach**

Mr. Kane noted that as they speak filming is underway at Foxstone Park in Vienna on *Breach*, a dramatic thriller about Robert Hanssen and his exploits as a spy. The Universal Studios picture has a large crew in that park, as well as at the entrance to Nottoway Park. They have been in production for four days. Today's shoot is located at the footbridge in Foxstone Park and calls for a snowy scene. Ice has been made and is covering the ground at that location.

3. **American Red Cross**

Mr. Kane reported that in other showbiz news, Audrey Moore RECenter's gymnasium was the scene of filming for a Red Cross Video on CPR this past Tuesday.

All in all, these three productions generated approximately \$8,000 in fees for the Park Authority.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE RECORD

NOTE: No committee minutes were entered FOR THE RECORD at this meeting. Committee minutes are entered FOR THE RECORD during the second Park Authority Board meeting each month.

BOARD MATTERS

- **Joanne E. Malone**

Ms. Malone had no Board Matters.

- **Frank S. Vajda**

Mr. Vajda reported that he shared Mr. Strickland's letter to Chairman Connolly regarding the interim bond with Supervisor Gross. She had indicated that Chairman Connolly had not shared the letter with the board. Mr. Bouie indicated that Supervisor Hudgins had not seen the letter either. Mr. Vajda stated that Supervisor Gross had some reservations about an interim bond and would like to have further discussions.

Mr. Vajda stated that the talking points were very good, but based on the supervisor's comments, perhaps talking points on the needs assessment study and how the other bond issues fit into the program would be useful. Mr. Vajda suggested that this would be a good topic for discussion at the joint meeting on February 27, 2006.

- **Gilbert S. McCutcheon**

Mr. McCutcheon had no Board Matters.

- **Winifred S. Shapiro**

Mrs. Shapiro noted that the Connection newspaper ran a story on the Lake Accotink dredging. Someone who read the article contacted Supervisor Bulova and indicated that the Park Authority should expand the dredging. After discussions with her Supervisor, Mrs. Shapiro reported that Supervisor Bulova expressed support for using money from the Board of Supervisors' stormwater management fund. Mrs. Shapiro formally requested Park Authority staff to discuss both of these possibilities with DPWES staff.

- **Kenneth G. Feng**

Mr. Feng had no Board Matters.

- **Kevin J. Fay**

Mr. Fay had no Board Matters.

- **Edward R. Batten, Sr.**

Mr. Batten reported that on January 31, 2006 he, Tim White and Mike Kane met with Supervisor Kauffman for their quarterly meeting. Mr. Batten felt there was a great deal of appreciation and understanding for what the Park Authority is doing. Mr. Batten was pleased that Messrs. Kane and White could take the time to attend the meeting.

- **Georgette Kohler**

Ms. Kohler had no Board Matters.

- **George E. Lovelace**

Mr. Lovelace thanked the Park Authority for the increase in traffic congestion in the Town of Vienna as a result of the movie being made. It's quite exciting for Vienna.

Mr. Lovelace noted that synthetic turf fields are a topic of great interest now and that the Park Authority is developing a number of turf fields, but people are unaware that the Park Authority is doing anything. Mr. Lovelace asked that a list be compiled of the fields that are being constructed and posted on the Park Authority's website. Mr. Lovelace stated that this could help him in his conversations with the Athletic Council to speak from a position of activity and strength.

Mr. Lovelace thanked Elisa Lueck for her help providing language regarding House Bill 1368. The Town of Vienna was opposed to the bill as well, and he wanted to make sure he was consistent with what the Park Authority had issued.

- **Harrison A. Glasgow**

Mr. Glasgow reminded the board that at on Thursday, February 9, 2006 at 10 a.m. at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park a volunteer award ceremony will take place.

Mr. Glasgow reported that he spent Tuesday, February 7, 2006 in Richmond, lobbying as a private citizen.

- **William G. Bouie**

Mr. Bouie reported that the final public hearing for Lawyers Road Park was held on January 26, 2006. He thanked Hal Strickland, Winnie Shapiro, Georgette Kohler and her husband, and Joanne Malone for attending. Mr. Bouie noted that we are now in the public comment period. Mr. Bouie reported that he had received a note from George Lovelace regarding a citizen from the Carriage Hill HOA requesting a meeting with Supervisor Hudgins and himself about their traffic concerns. Mr. Bouie noted that he will contact the constituent to let them know that they have been heard. Mr. Bouie stated that traffic is the issue that will hold up this project; however, the park has been well-received by the community.

Mr. Strickland added that Irish Grandfield, Sandy Stallman, and Judy Pedersen had done a good job presenting the information. Mr. Strickland noted that the traffic issue is not going away. Supervisor Hudgins indicated to him that she has talked for years about potentially widening Lawyers Road, but is met with the fact that the citizens do not want to upset the ambiance of the community.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:05 p.m. Mr. Vajda **MOVED** that the Park Authority Board meeting be adjourned;
SECONDED by Mr. McCutcheon, and **APPROVED** with all Board Members being present.

Minutes Approved at Meeting
on

Frank S. Vajda
Secretary-Treasurer

Michael A. Kane, Director

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